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SUBJECT: NUMEIRI IN KUWAIT: NEWSPAPER SUSPENDED FOR LINKING
HIM WITH CIA

1. SUDANESE PRES. NUMEIRI ARRIVED IN KUWAIT JUNE 5 AND
DEPARTED FOR AMMAN JUNE 6 ON CURRENT TOUR OF ARAB COUNTRIES
IN AID OF ARAB SOLIDARITY. ON THE DAY OF HIS ARRIVAL,
KUWAIT DAILY AL-QABAS CARRIED AN EXCLUSIVE STORY FROM
WASHINGTON ALLEGING THAT PRESIDENTS NUMEIRI AND SADAT HAD
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REQUESTED AND RECEIVED SECURE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FROM
THE CIA, SO THAT THEY COULD COMMUNICATE SAFELY WITH
EACH OTHER, AND THAT "AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE" WAS HELPING BOTH
THE SUDANESE AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS TAP "INTERNAL COMMUN-
ICATIONS" TO SAFEGUARD SECURITY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
COUNTRIES. DEISPLEASED WITH THIS STORY, THE GOK SUSPENDED
PUBLICATION OF AL-QABAS FOR THREE DAYS, INVOKING A PROVI-

SION OF THE PUBLICATIONS LAW WHICH PROHIBITS GIVING OFFENSE
TO FOREIGN HEADS OF STATE.

2. AFTER TALKS JUNE 5 WITH THE KUWAITI AMIR AND OTHERS,
NUMEIRI REPORTEDLY TOLD NEWSMEN THAT HE HAD BRIEFED
THE AMIR ON PROGRESS TOWARD ARAB SOLIDARITY. KUWAITI MIN/
AMIRI DIWAN AFFAIRS EXPRESSED KUWAITI SUPPORT FOR
NUMEIRI'S EFFORT. ONE PRESS REPORT HAD THE GOK REPLYING
TO NUMEIRI THAT IT WAS BEHIND NUMEIRI'S EFFORT, IN
CONSONANCE WITH RESOLUTIONS OF PAST ARAB SUMMITS, NOTABLY
THE RABAT SUMMIT. NUMEIRI ALSO DISCUSSED BILATERAL RELATIONS,
REVEALING THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO KUWAITI LEADERS THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT COMMISSION TO COORDINATE BILATERAL
CULTURAL TIES AND KUWAITI PARTICIPATION IN SUDANESE DEVELOP-
MENT VIA LOANS AND INVESTMENTS. HE LAUDED KUWATI HELP IN
AGRICULTURAL (SUGAR), INDUSTRIAL AND BANKING FIELDS AND
NOTED STRONG CULTURAL INTERCHANGE.
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